# GR-300, G-303/G-808 SERVICE NOTES

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

First Edition

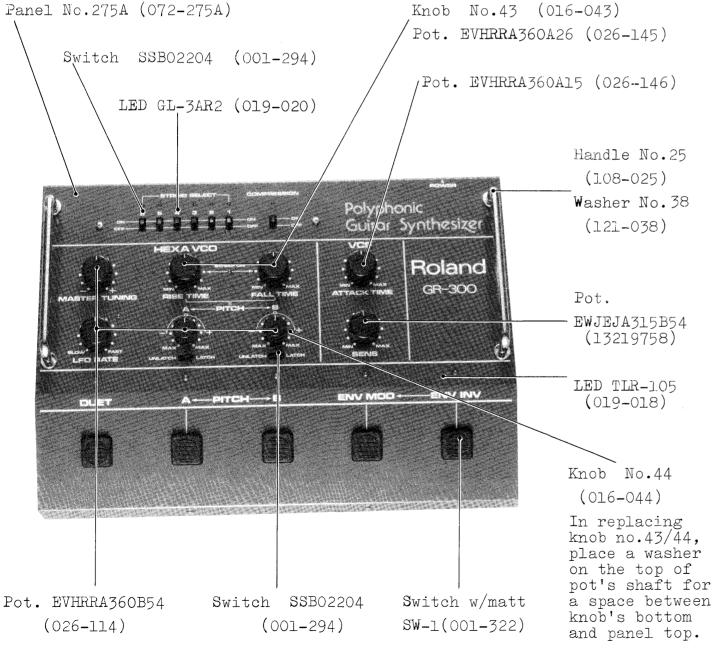
 PITCH SHIFT RANGE --- PITCH A/B: ±1300 cents
 LFO RATE -- 2-10Hz

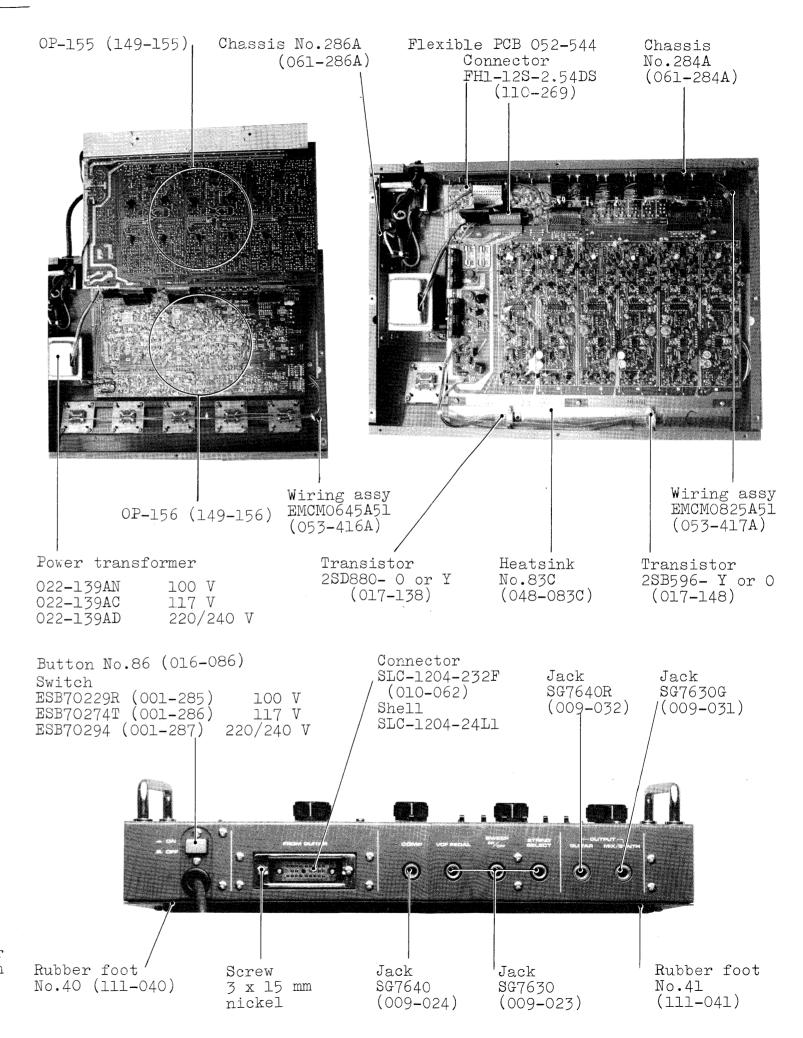
 SWEEP RISE TIME --- 0-6 seconds
 VCF ATTACK TIME -- 0-2 seconds

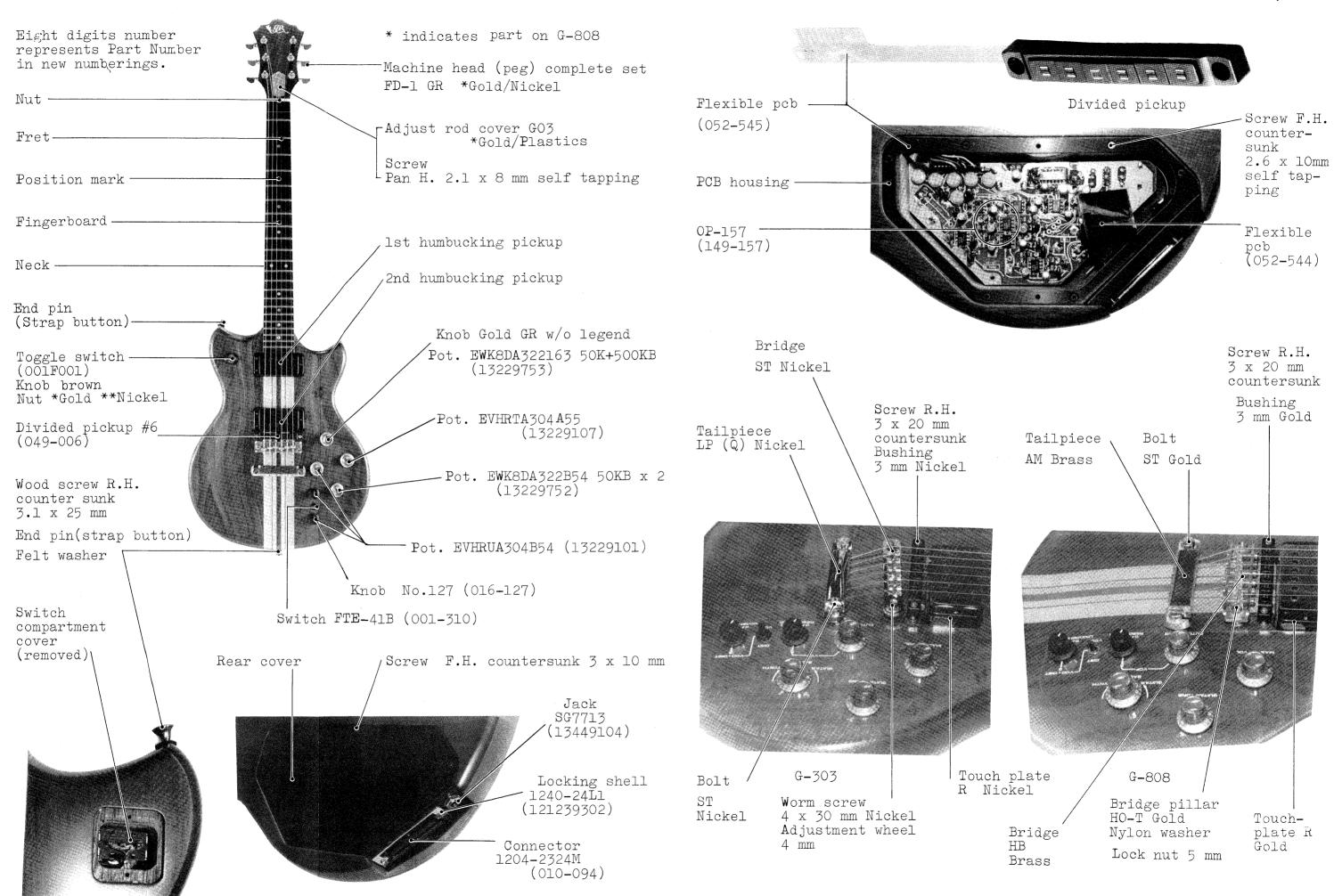
 SWEEP FALL TIME --- 0-6 seconds
 POWER CONSUMTION -- 20 watts

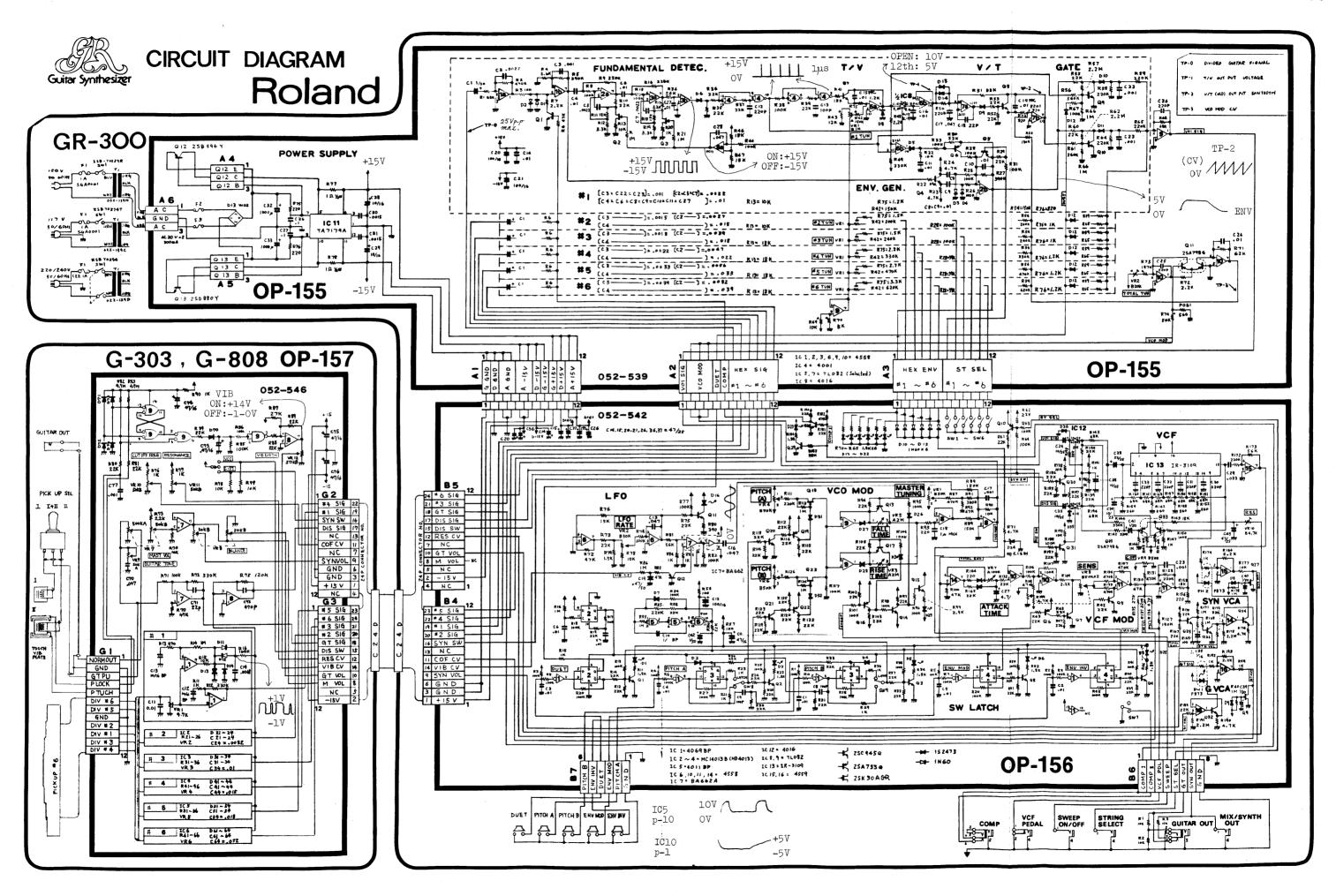
 DIMENSIONS ---- 400 (W) x 290 (D) x 100 (H) mm

 WEIGHT ----- GR-300: 5 kg; G-303, G-808: 4.2 kg









#### 1. FUNDAMENTAL DETECTOR

GR-300 circuits are mostly built on two circuit boards: VOICE Board OP-155 and GATE Board OP-156.

VOICE BOARD OP-155

**CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION** 

- 1. FUNDAMENTAL DETECTOR
- 2. T/V CONVERTER
- 3. V/T CONVERTER
- 4. ENVELOPE GENERATOR
- 5. CHOPPER GATE
- 6. POWER SUPPLY

This detector, the heart of GR-300 Guitar Synthesizer, strips the incoming signal off harmonics and leaves fundamental. In the following, only channel #1 circuit is described since this detector is composed of the same six circuits. The output signal coming from the divided pickup is applied through LPF/Buffer ICla to COMPRESSION circuit consisting of switching transistor Q1 and clamp ciodes D1 and D2.

With COMPRESSION at control panel "off", the signal potential is divided by R3 and R7; when "on", the signal remains unchanged and is applied to LPF IClb.

**GR-300** 

1-1. Band-Pass Filter (BPF). A two-stage filter, consisting of cascaded IC2a and IC3a, largely changes its frequency response when a string is plucked with lower fretting and then with upper fretting, and vice versa.

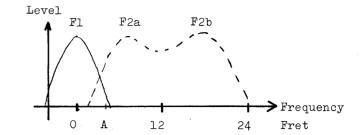


Fig. 1 Filter changes frequency response according to the fret position.

When channel #1 string pressed at lower fret (0-6th) is played, Q2 and Q3 are cut off by the potential at output of IC6a which senses T/V output (IC5b) and applies forward biases to Q2 and Q3 when the string pressed at a fret higher than point A of the figure above is played (more detail about IC6a in later section ENV. GENERATOR).

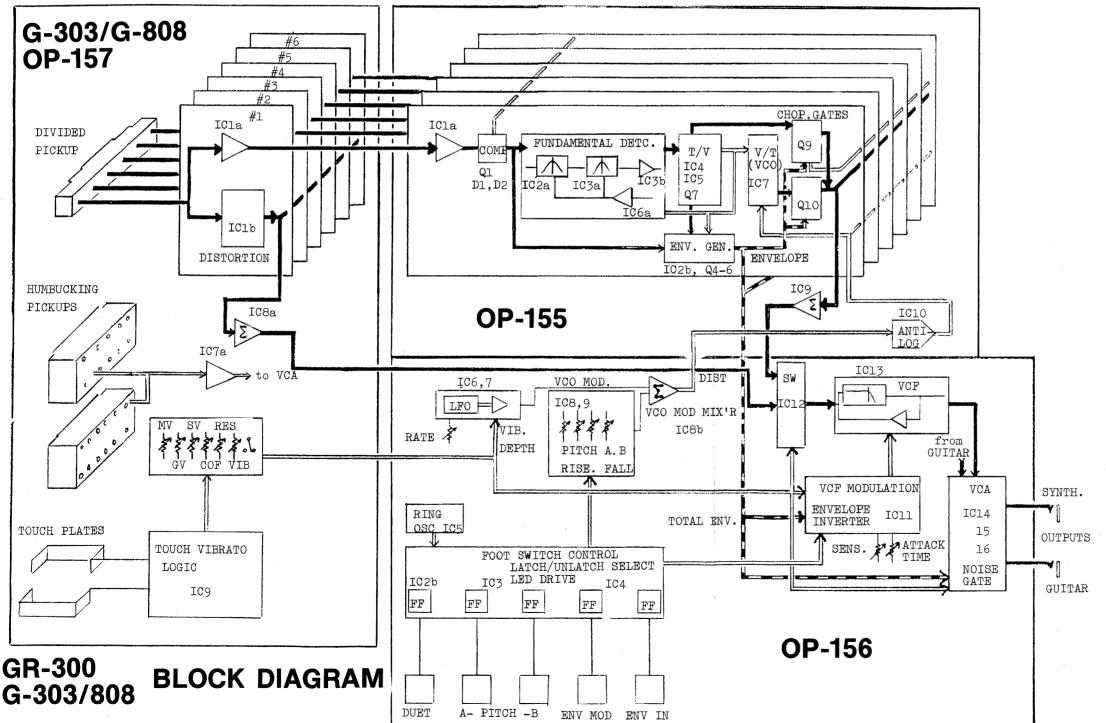
Q2 and Q3, during off, make 1st and 2nd filters' component values equal to each other to provide overall peak frequency at Fl corresponding to fundamental of the open string. The filter attenuates 1st overtones or harmonics by 24dB when fretted-notes lower than point A are played.

The switching FETs Q2 and Q3 with R13 and R20 connected hold two filters differently during their conducting period. This results in two discrete peak frequencies: F2a (frequency around 5-6th frets) from IC2a and F2b (around 18th fret frequency) from IC3a.

Second harmonics of the fret-notes in this region are also rolled off by 24dB.

NOTE: These response curves do not affect sound volume since signal passing through the filter is used only for pitch dicision.

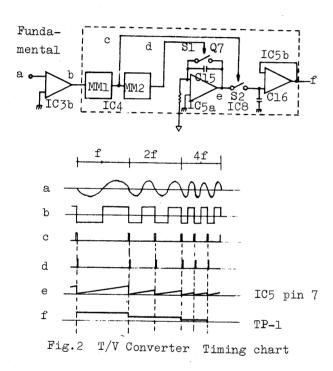
The fundamental is trimmed into square wave through comparator IC3b, and is applied to the next stage, T/V converter IC4.



#### 2. T/V CONVERTER

This circuit is composed of two-stage monostable multivibrator IC4(MM1,MM2), constantcurrent integrator Q7, IC5a, D8, and sample and hold circuit IC8a, IC5b.

MMl and MM2 output lus wide positive-going pulses c and d upon receiving edges of respective inputs. There is some time difference between pulses  $\underline{c}$  and  $\underline{d}$  due to the time constant of R38 and CMOS's input capacitance.



The voltage across capacitor C15 increases linearly when charged at a constant rate, and decreases to zero when pulse d triggers Q7. The voltage across D8 (pin 7 of IC5a) takes the shape of sawtooth  $\underline{e}$ . Its maximum value is proportional to the interval length between two pulses; 0-10V at open string, and 0-5V at

The sawtooth waveform serves as a fundamental when DUET is on.

The waveform is sampled by  $\frac{1}{2}$ IC8 each time pulse c is applied and is held by Cl6 before being reset by pulse  $\underline{d}$ . Dc output from IC5b is then applied to IC7a.

#### 3. V/T CONVERTER (VCO)

This V/T converter is similar to the T/V converter in operation. When the charge on Cl9 increases constantly and reaches the potential equal to that on C17, it causes output from IC7a to conduct Q8 taking the shape of sawtooth waveform whose amplitude is inverserly proportional to fret frequency, that is, the lower the fret, the higher the amplitude. This VCO waveform can be modulated or shifted by varying the current flowing into Cl9. The more the current, the faster C19 charges up to the level on C17. As a result, VCO frequency increases with its amplitude held constant.

#### 4. ENVELOPE GENERATOR

This is an envelope follower with reset function added -- comparator IC6b and switching transistors Q5, Q6 across C10.

IC6b compares the signal levels between input and output terminals of S/H circuit. When the waveform at IC5a output includes 1st overtone component to some degree, IC6b outputs negative-going voltage, conducting Q6 to discharge C10 so that the generator does not output signals. While transients are smoothed out by Cll in the circuit.

IC6a, as described in section BPF, turns Q2 and Q3 on or off when output from 1C5b jumps up or down from the predetermined level across R47, which corresponds to point A in figure 1. When a string is stroked powerfully with a fret higher than point A is pressed, it vibrates the filter switch to Fl response then to F2a, F2b as the string vibrates at inherent frequency. However, abrupt change of filter response is not favorable because it produces click-like sound. Intergrating capacitor C28 absorbs the initial transient.

#### CONTROL BOARD OP-156

The following are main circuits on the board.

- 1. FOOT SWITCH CONTROL
- 3. VCO MOD (PITCH SHIFT)
- 5. ELECTRONIC VOLUME CONTROL

#### 1. FOOT SWITCH CONTROL

Pressing the footswitch (momentary-close type) applies trigger pulse to C (clock) pin of flipflop IC2b (IC3,4) through buffer IC1. In this configuration D-F/F is connected as type T-F/F. Capacitor 0.01µF across the switch prevents contact bounce (chattering) which could cause false triggering.

IC2a generates initial reset pulse for other F/F's when the power switch is turned on. Outputs from Ring Oscillator IC5 and the F/F are ORed at the base of LED driver Q8 (Q1-4). LED blinks at the rate of oscillator output when F/F is reset.

#### 2. LFO

One half of IC6 forms hysteresis comparator and the rest half acts as a miller integrator, generating triangular output waveform. The waveform is applied to VCO MOD mixer via IC7, whose gain is current-controlled by VIB DEPTH.

#### 3. VCO MOD (PITCH SHIPT)

When PITCH A (B) is pressed, Q18 (Q23) turns on, and the voltage determined by VR4 (VR5) is fed to IC8 via ideal diode IC9. When PITCH is shifted transiently at very low frequency, which causes from A (B) to B (A) by pressing the PITCH footswitch with FALL (RISE) TIME turned partly. The RC time constant of pot and C18 causes voltage to change slowly which is supplied to pin 2 of IC8. When external footswitch plugged into SWEEP ON/ OFF jack is turned on, forward voltage is applied

to bases of Q13 and Q17, allowing them to disenable SWEEP TIME setting by shunting the VR5 or VR3.

#### 4. VCF

One chip VCF comprising anti-log circuit makes up 24dB/oct LPF along with its external R's and C's. The output is positively fed back to its input for resonance effect via Q33 VCA whose gain or amount of regeneration is controlled by RESONANCE on the guitar controller.

When emphasis is high at a frequency, resonance curve lower than the peak frequency decreases in level, resulting in relatively small VCF output in this region. This detrimental effect is conpensated for by parallely feeding the audio signals via VCA which controls amount of feedback and signals at the same rate.

Besides various control volgates, VCO MOD is fed to VCF control pin via ICllb to shift VCF cutoff point in accordance with pitch shift at VCO to maintain unchanged tonal.

With ENVELOPE MODULATION "on", individual envelope outputs on VOICE board can be used to modulate VCF.After its rise time set by ATTACK TIME, envelope signals are routed to IClla which inverts the envelope slope when ENV IN is "on" because its non-inverting pin is grounded via Q5.

#### 5. ELECTRONIC VOLUME CONTROL

Before being output from OUTPUT jacks, the audio signals are controlled their volumes electronically by PH1 and PH2 which are in turn remote-controlled on the guitar controller.

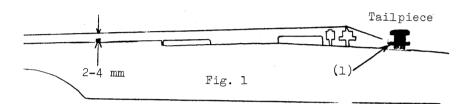
Output from NOISE GATE Q25, Q26 is also applied to PH2 thtough ICl4. This configuration, when ENV GEN outputs zero volt, disenables IC15, shutting off the residual noise in the synthesizer channel.

#### 1. PRELIMINARY ADJUSTMENT

If pickups, tailpiece, truss rod and/or bridge appear(s) to have been readjusted or replaced on a given Guitar Controller, the following adjustments must be properly completed before carrying out the individual adjustments now being required.

#### 1-1. TAILPIECE - Fig. 1 -

Using an appropriate straight-blade screwdriver, lower the tailpiece by turning Height Adjustment screws, but high enough to avoid flange backs (1) being in contact with guitar top, which would cause damage to surrounding finish when strings are brought to full tension.



#### 1-2. BRIDGE (coarse) - Fig. 1 -

(Action height at the higher fret)

When the bridge is a replacement for orginal one, adjustments for centering the bridge(p.7) preceds the following.

. Tighten the strings to eliminate slacks.

The distance between bottom of each string and higher frets must be within 2-4 mm, if not, adjust the bridge height:

- G-303 -- Raise or lower the bridge by turning the wheels on the studs, use hand tool (long-nose pliers will suffice) if stiff.
- G-808 -- Turn slotted bridge pillar. If frozen, loosen lock nut before screwing.

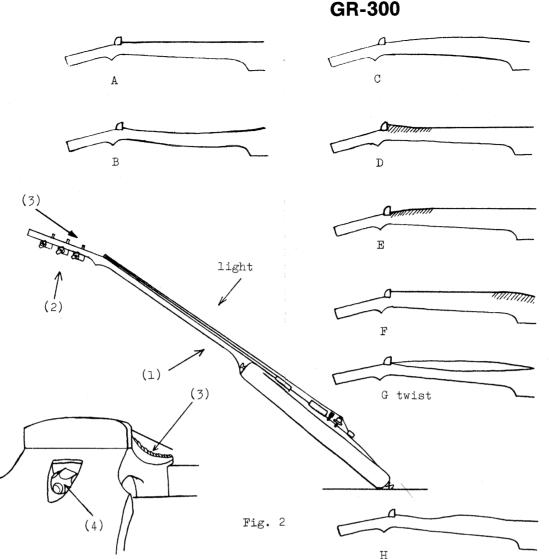
If any string is coming to touch a pickup, lower the pickup

Adjustments must be carried out in order, as follows:
(1) TRUSS ROD: (2) ACTION HEIGHT: (3) STRING LENGTH.

#### 2. TRUSS ROD

Checking the fingerboard and neck for cambered, warped, pulled or twisted - Fig. 2 -

- 1. Hold the neck joint with one hand (1); with the other hand, gently hold the guitar head (2). Position the guitar on the table.
- 2. View the curve of the fingerboard and neck across the top of the head from both edges alternately (3).
- B to H in Fig. 2 are examples of would be occured. Of course any cominations of these examples might be found on the guitar.



To adjust truss rod, remove the rod cover.

When adjusting, tighten or loosen the nut (4), with an 8 mm wrench, small amount at a time while checking the result. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.

#### A ---- Ideal.

B, C, D -- Adjust truss rod. Check that there is no buzzing when the string is played open. (Slighter curvature shaded in D can be ignored.)
E, F, G, H -- When possible action is cannot obtained after compensated for by truss rod adjustment, any adjustments it needs should be left to someone with experience on guitar repair.

#### 3. ACTION (STRING) HEIGHT

(Bridge adjustment) - Fig. 3 -

Action height adjustments must be taken with a full set of strings on the guitar, the gauge and type will be used, tuned to playing pitch.

- 1. Hold the guitar perpendicular to the bench.
- 2. With the string open, measure the distance between 14th fret and the bottoms of 1st and 6th strings. Standard clearance: 1st -- 1.5 mm

6th -- 2.0 mm

3. To adjust, raise or lower the bridge in the same fashion described in preliminary adjustments1- 1-2 BRIDGE.

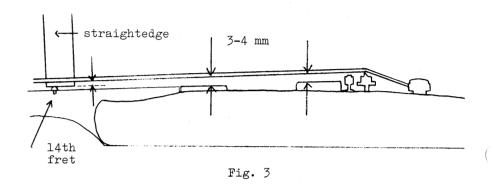
(G-808 -- Lightly wrench the lock nuts on the bridge.)

#### 4. PICKUP HEIGHT

4-1. 1st and 2nd humbukings - Fig. 3 -

Possible action on guitar pickup depends greatly on strings and players, with strings supplied 3-4 mm works wæll. However, pickups' top surfaces must be held parallel to the strings and 1st and 2nd pickups must delivery an equal output sound in level.

4-2. Divided pickup - Refer to page 7 -

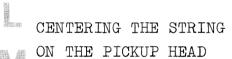


#### 5. STRING LENGTH (OCTAVE ADJUSTMENT)

- 1. Test intonation at the 12th fret whether string is sharp or flat in terms of overall intonation.
- 2. If a string is going sharp at the 12th fret, move back the saddle to add string length by turning the intonation adjustment screw at the bridge frame. If flat, forwards.

#### REFERENCE FREQUENCIES

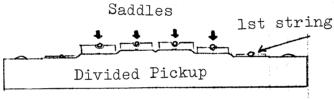
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FRET	6	. 5	4	3	2	1						
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Bridge

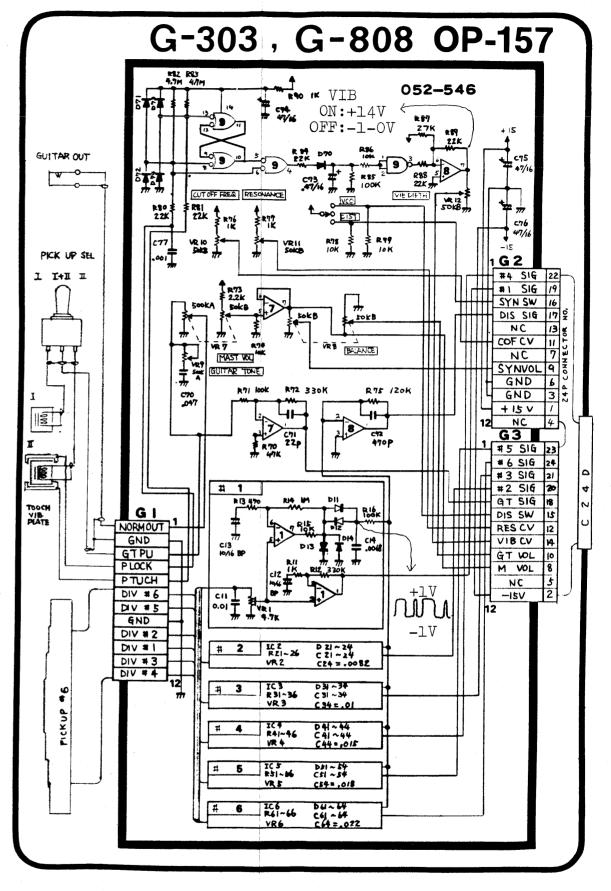
When bridge is replaced, it is necessary to check the strings that they are properly aligned with the center of the divided pickup heads. If not, the following adjustment must be done. This is a deceptively difficult operation that should be left to the hands of an experienced and skilled guitar repairman.

- 1. Remove the string from its notch, and slide it across the insert (saddle) surface until it reaches the center of the head.
- 2. Renotch the saddle or enlarge the groove by using a small tri-cornered file. Proceed to PRELIMINARY ADJ.



#### ADJUSTING DIVIDED PICKUP HEIGHT

- 1. Tune strings to playing pitch.
- 2. Raise divided pickup by turning height adjust screws until 1st and 6th pickup heads touch the bottom of respective strings.
- 3. Check 2nd to 5th strings for contaction with the heads, if there is a clearance between them, slot the groove deeper until string touches the head.
- 4. After all strings rested on heads, lower the pickup. Press 22nd frets. 0.5-0.8 mm between each pickup and bottom of each string is specified action height.



NOTES: 1. VR1-VR6 are set in mid-position at factory and may be readjusted as required.

Maximum output at connector pin (e.g. #1 SIG) is typically 25 Vp-p when plucked powerfully.

#### ADJUSTING VCF

DO NOT ATTEMPT THIS ADJUSTMENT PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF VCO TUNE.

## CUTOFF FREQUENCY

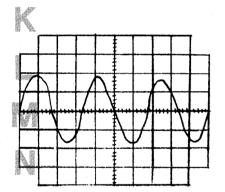
1. Turn RES VR10 full clockwise(FCW), through hole in the pcb from the foil side. VCF will oscillate when a string is plucked.

2. Play a string at open and adjust COF VR9 for 6kHz -- Fig. 1.

## RESONANCE

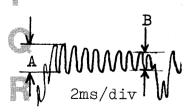
L. With RES VR10 set at FCW, reset CUTOFF FREQ on G-303/808 to 5.

2. Pluck 6th string at open. Adjust RES VR10 for A:B = 2:1 -- Fig.2.



50µs/div

Fig. 1

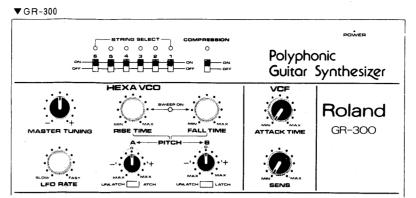


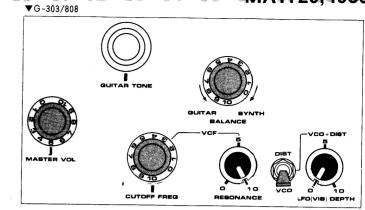
Guitar controller
CUTOFF FREQ.: 5
RESUNANCE: 10
6th string: open

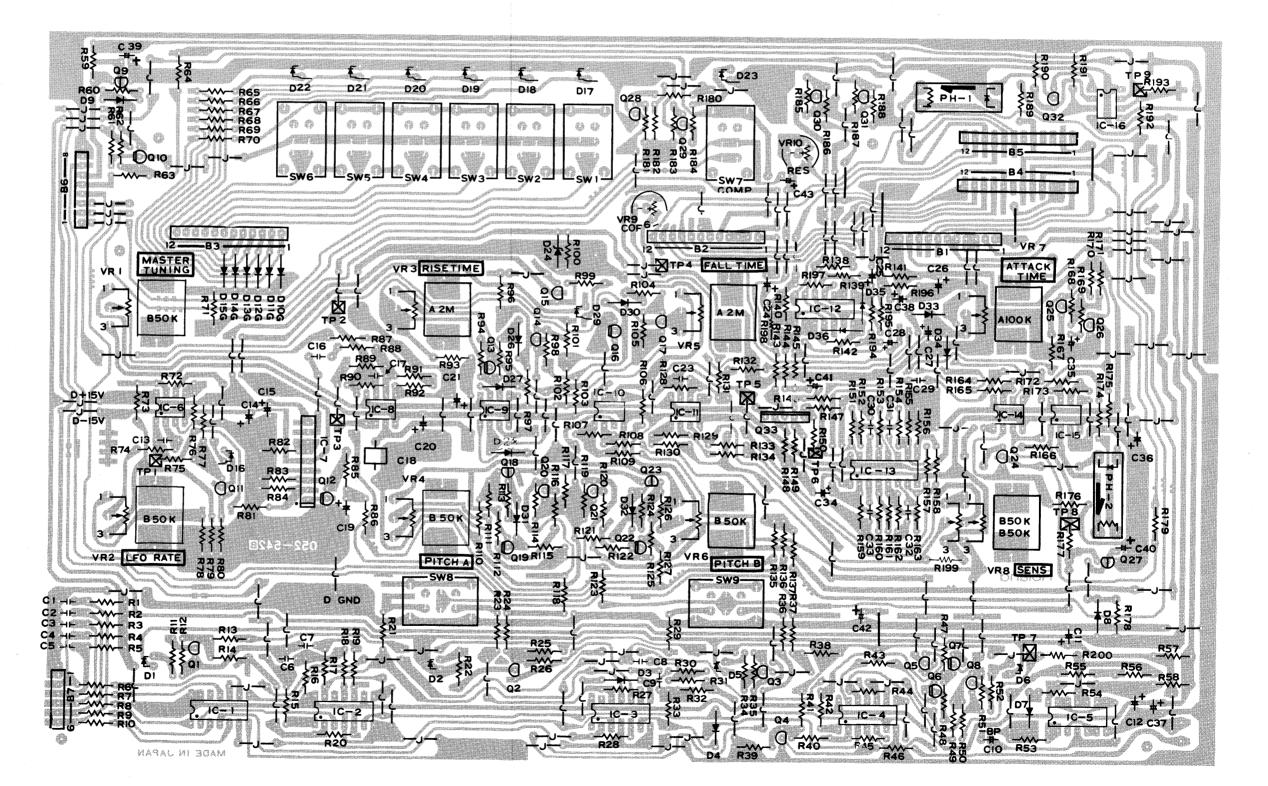
Fig. 2

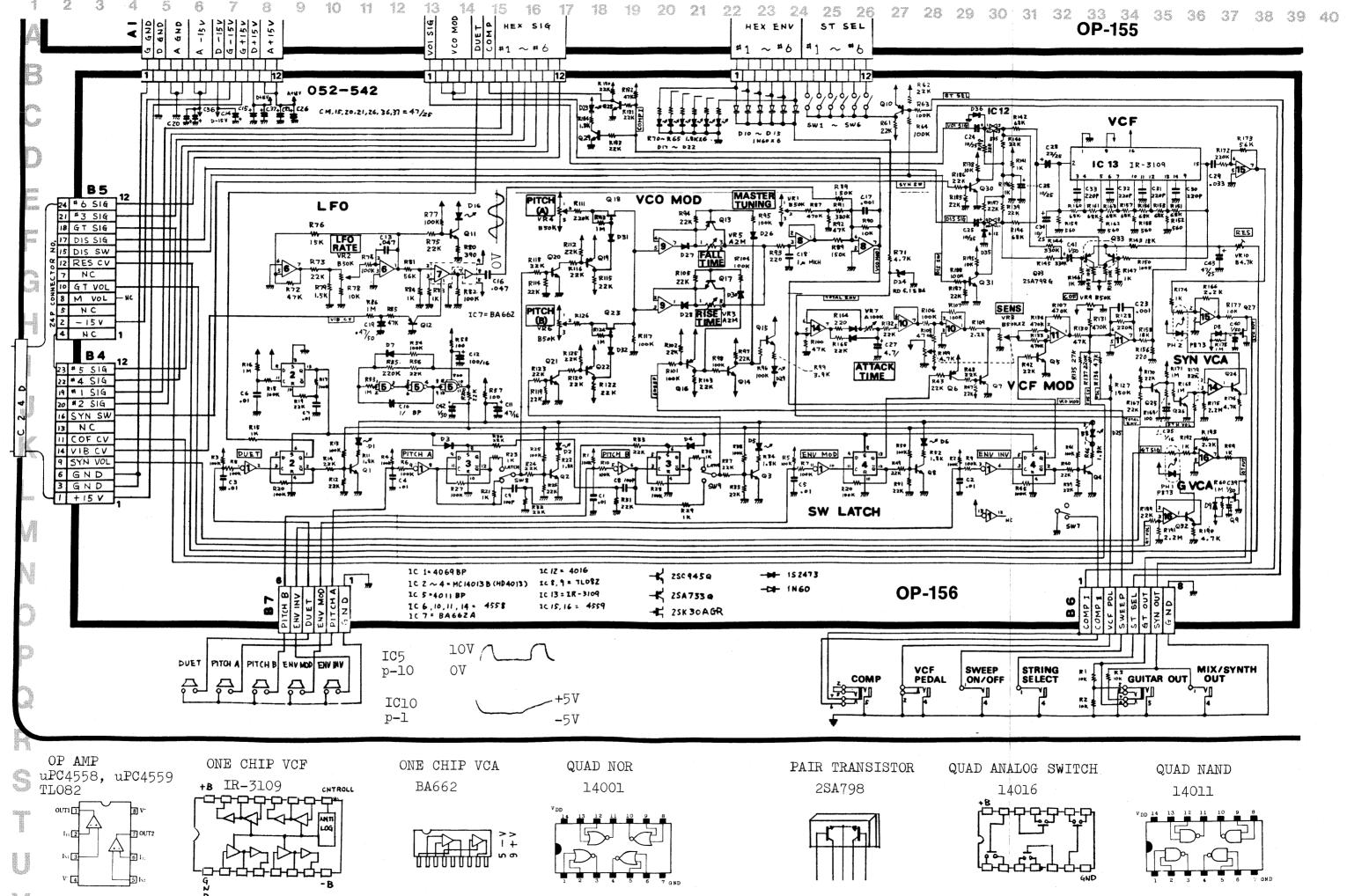
Set controls as illustrated at the right (footswitches: all off). Connect oscilloscope to MIX/SYNTH jack.

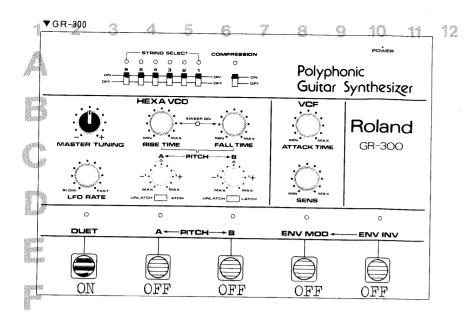
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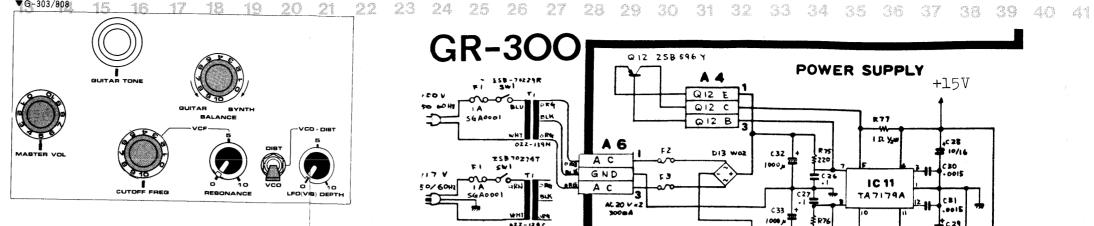


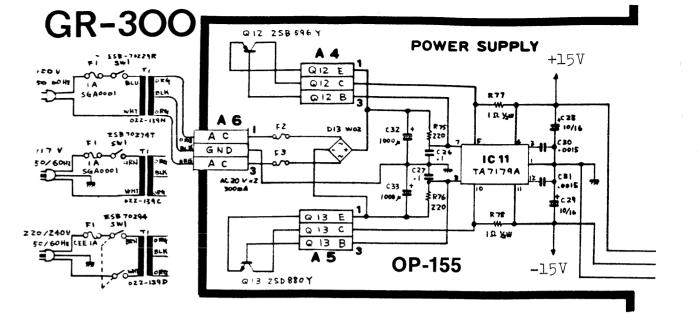












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## VCO TUNIG

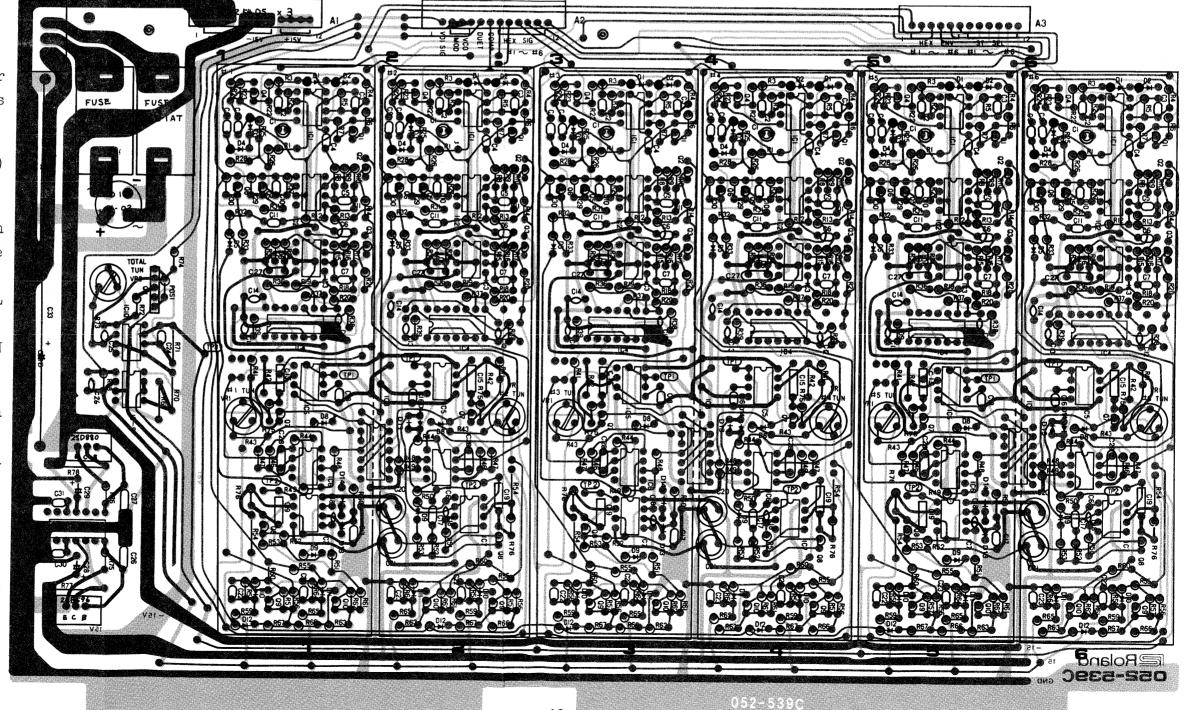
- 1. Set controls on Guitar controller and GR-300 as illustrated above.
- 2. Set each TUN VRl (#1-6) at its midpoint.
- 3. Play on 1st string 12th fret. A beat note will be heard.

Tune VCO by turning TOTAL TUN VR2 until the beat note reaches zero (#1 TUN VR1 is left untouched).

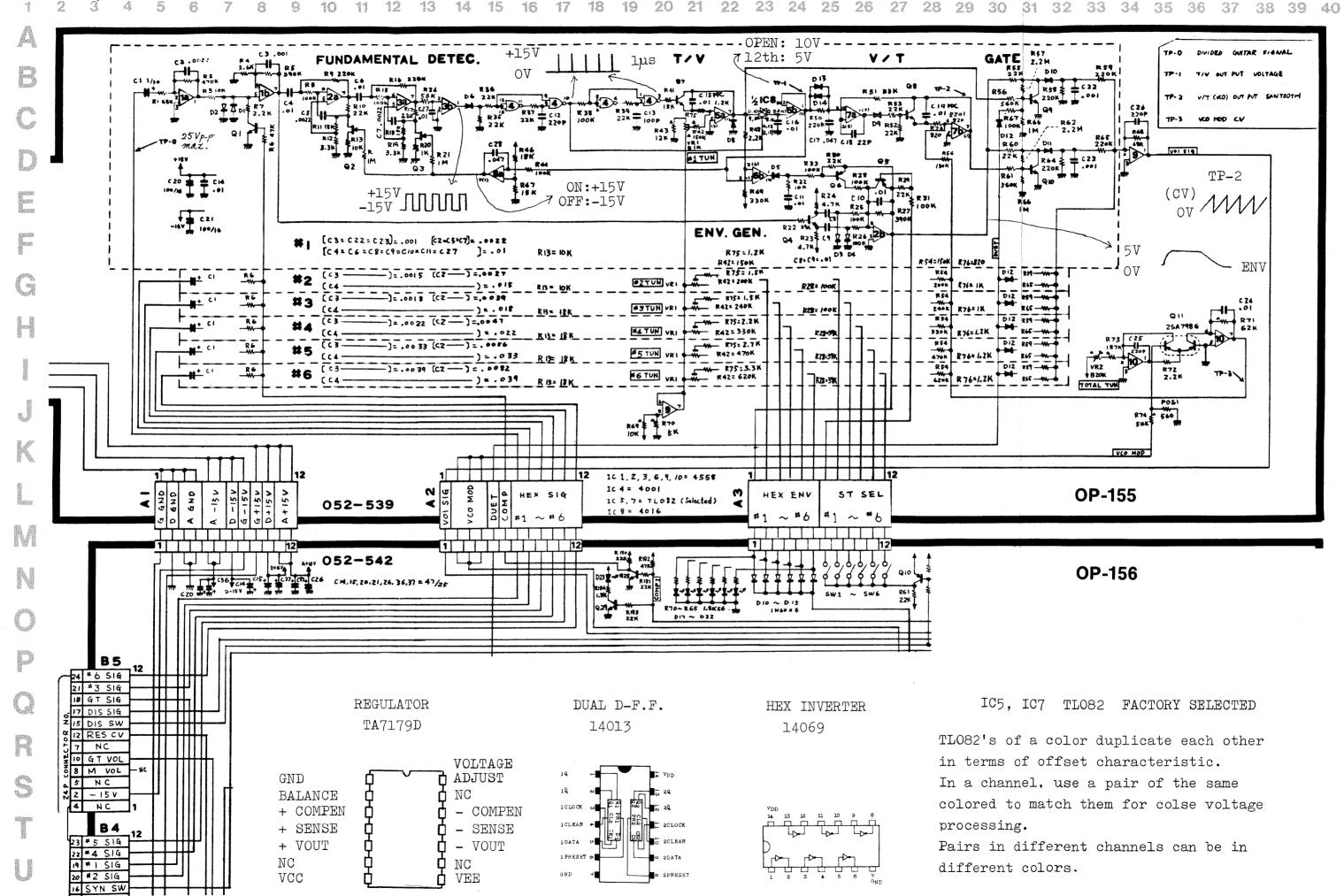
4. Pluck 2nd string with 12th fretting.

Tune VCO to zero beat with #2 TUN VR1.

- 5. In the same manner tune #3-6 VCOs.
- 6. Check all strings detune at open string and 21st fret notes.
- 7. Fine tune every with VR1 over a string scale.



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			SEMICONDUCTOR		GR-300 continued	•••	End pin (strap button)
Transistor						* Gold ** Nickel Wood screw R.H. countersunk 3.1 x 25 mm	
GR-300 PARTS LIST		017-012	017-012 2SA733- P or Q		CONNECTOR		Felt washer
		017-013	2SC945- P or Q	030 060			rero washer
		017-016	2SK3OA-GR FET	010-062	SLC-1204-2324F 24 conductors		Rear cover
In this ;	parts list new numbering system	017-138	2SD880- Y or 0	010-268	3022-12A flexible cable		Pcb compartment
(8 digits) applies to some components.		017-148	2SB596- Y or O	110-269	FH1-12S-2.54DS flexible cable	•••	Screw Flat H. c.sunk 3 x 10 mm
	. <del>.</del>	017-124	2SA798G dual, common emitter	110-209	FIII-125-2.94DD TIEXIBLE Cable		Switch compartment
	CHASSIS. PANEL	Diode		010-272	EMCSO650M		SWITCH
061-284	Chassis no.284 rear, jack	018-014	1\$2473 or 1\$1588	010-273	EMCS0850M	001 710	FTE-41B DIST/VCO
061-286	Chassis no.286 power supply	018-027	1N60	053-416A	EMCM0645A51 wiring assy	001-310 001F001	•
061-305	Chassis no.305 bottom w/foot no.40. 41	018-082	W-02 rectifier stack	053-417A	EMCM0825A51 wiring assy		Toggle Pickup select Switch nut * Gold ** Nickel
111-040	Rubber foot no.40 R.H.	018-092	RD-5.1E zener				KNOB
111-041	Rubber foot no.41 L.H.	018-116	ESR-B33G561 posistor				
072-275	Panel no.275	019-018	TLR-105 LED foot switch			016-127	No.127 blk
108-025	Handle no.25	019-020	GL3AR2 LED			• • •	Gold GR w/o legend
121-038	Washer no.38 hadle	019-011	P-873A-G35-380 photocuplar	G-808. G-	303 PARTS LIST	• • •	Brown toggle switch
	KNOB. BUTTON	IC		*:G-808	only, **: G-303 only		PCB ASSY
016-043	Knob no.43 large	020-097	µPC4558C		PICKUP	149-157B	OP-157B (pcb 052-546B)
016-044	Knob no.44 small	020-103	, TA7179A				
016-086	Button no.86 red, power switch	020-153	µPC4559DD	049-006	Divided No.6		POTENTIOMETER
		020-160	BA662- A or B		Screw 3 x 20 mm R.H. c.sunk	13219107	EVHRTA304A55 500KA GUITAR TONE
	SWITCH	020-169	MC14001B		Spring 3 mm	13229101	EVHRUA304B54 50KB CUTOFF, RES, VIB.
001-322	SW-l foot	020-170	MC14011B		Touch plate L, R	13229753	EWK8DA322163 50KB.500KB MASTER VOL.
001-722	SW-1 100t	020-171	MC14016B		* Gold ** Nickel	13229752	
001-294	SSB02204 slide	020-176	MC14069B	• • • •	Humbucking 1st		
001-294	ESB70229R power 100V	020-179	MC14013B (HITACHI or MOTOROLA)	•••	Humbucking 2nd	064H055	Holder H55 pot.support
001-286	ESB70274T CSA power 117V	020-100	TL082			064-286	Holder no.286 pot.support
001-287	ESB70294 DNS power 220/240V		TLO82 factory selected (refer to page 11 for the detail)		BRIDGE	030-493	SR-19R 4.7kB trimmer
	200 point 220, 240V		(refer to page if for the detail)		* Bridge HB Brass		
	JACK				* Bridge pillar HO-T Gold	*	SEMICONDUCTOR
000 007					* Nylon washer	018-027	lN-60 diode
009 <b>–</b> 023 009 <b>–</b> 024	SG7630 SG7640 w/switch				* Nut 5 mm	018-059	1\$1588 diode
009-024			POTENTIOMETER	•••	** Bridge ST 4.5¢ Nickel	020-097	uPC4558 IC
009-032	SG7640R red	026-144	EVHRRA360B54 50KB	•••	** Bridge stud 4 x 30 mm Nickel	020-170	MC14011B IC
007-072	bu 7040h 1eu	026-145	EVHRRA360A26 2MA		** Thumbwheel 4 mm		
	POWER TRANSFORMER	026-146	EVHRRA360A15 1MA				JACK. CONNECTOR
000 77047		13219758	EWJEJA315B54 50KB x 2 ganged		TAILPIECE	13110101	Jack SG7713
	PT 139AN 100V	Trimmer			AM To	010-094	Connector 1204-2324M 24-p
	PT 139AC 117V	030-489	CR19RB1K 1KB metal film	•••	* Tailpiece AM Brass		Locking shell 1204-24L1
022-139AD	PT 139AD 220/240V	030-497	CR19RB22K 22KB		* Bolt ST Gold		
		030-469	SR19RB47K 47KB carbon		** Tailpiece LP (Q) Nickel	010-270	FH1-12S-2.54DSA flexible pcb
		030-463	SR19R4.7K 4.7KB		** Bolt ST Nickel		
	PCB ASSEMBLY		RESISTOR		Machine head (peg) FD-1 GR		
149 <b>-</b> 155C	OP-1550 (pcb 052-5390)	тл			(set of six) * Gold ** Nickel		
149 <b>–</b> 156B	OP-156B (pcb 052-542B)	Metal film ¼W 1% CRB25FX					
149-158	OP-158 (pcb 052H195) LED	044-833	10K 044-848 150K	• • •	Adjust rod cover GO-3		
052-544	Flexible wiring	044-850	200K 044-854 330K		* Brass ** Plastics		
	<u> </u>	044-856	470K 044-864 5K		Screw Pan H. 2.1 x 8 mm self tapping		
		044-913	5.6K 044-915 12K				

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044**-**940 240K

044**-**944 187K

044-939

044-941

62K

620K